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TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bills of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 1042, "An Act Concerning Energy Efficient Developments"

S.B. 1043, "An Act Concerning Energy Efficient Data for Proposed Subdivisions"

These bills would mandate that zoning commissions require development applicants to submit proof that such developments are energy efficient.

CCM appreciates the intent behind these proposals – to establish mechanisms to increase energy efficient projects. However, there should be provisions for clear waivers of the requirement, under certain circumstances, at a municipality's discretion.

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